

Chapter 43

VOTING

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the City of Seat Pleasant: Art. I, 7-12-1976 as Ord. No. 76-01; Art. II, 9-4-1984 as Ord. No. 84-13. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I

Absentee Voting

[Adopted 7-12-1976 as Ord. No. 76-01]

§ 43-1. General provisions.

- A. Any qualified voter of the city who, by reason of his/her physical condition or necessary absence from the city, is absent from the city on a day on which a general or special election is to be held may make an application for an absentee voting ballot. Application for voting in absentia shall be delivered to the Board of Elections Supervisors, stating the reason or reasons why such a ballot is desired. The Board of Elections Supervisors shall prescribe the form of the application which an applicant shall use.¹
- B. All applications for absentee ballots must be received by the Board of Elections Supervisors no later than 20 days prior to the date of the election. The Board of Elections Supervisors shall thereafter determine whether an applicant has met the requirements for absentee voting. Whenever an applicant has met the requirements for voting in absentia, the Board of Elections Supervisors shall deliver to the applicant an absentee voting ballot which the Board has designated to be the official absentee voting for the city.
- C. Whenever any application to vote in absentia has been denied or rejected by the Board of Elections Supervisors, the Board shall immediately notify the applicant, in writing, stating the reason or reasons for such rejection. Any person whose application has been rejected may appeal the decision of the Board as provided for in § C-608 of the Charter.²
- D. Persons receiving absentee ballots shall also be furnished an official self-addressed return envelope for use in returning the marked ballots. Only those ballots returned in an official return envelope shall be counted and considered properly cast.
- E. All absentee voting ballots must be received before the day of election, as set forth in § C-614 of the Charter. The ballots are to remain in the unopened official return envelopes in which they are received and be placed in any ballot box which is

¹. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Chapter 1, General Provisions, Art. I.

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designated for the purpose of storing absentee ballots until they are to be counted. Ballots returned in any envelope other than the official return envelope shall be destroyed and not counted.³

- F. The Board of Elections Supervisors shall open all absentee ballots only after all of the polling places have been closed. Absentee ballots are thereafter to be opened, approved as to form and totaled. The grand total of the ballots cast at the polling places and the ballots cast in absentia shall thereafter be added together and included in any official election result as determined by the Board of Elections Supervisors.
- G. Absentee ballots are to be preserved in the manner as prescribed for any other election ballots in § C-617 of the Charter.⁴

ARTICLE II

Write-In Candidates

[Adopted at time of adoption of code; see Ch. 1, General Provision, Art. I]

§ 43-2. General provisions.

- A. A write-in candidate is required to file a certificate of candidacy for election. The certificate shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Election as if the write-in candidate were filing for office under § 610 of the Charter. The certificate may be filed without payment of a filing fee.
- B. The certificate shall not be filed later than 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the day of the election for which the certificate is filed.

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⁴. Editor's Note: Amended at time of adoption of Code; see Chapter 1, General Provisions, Art. I.